

**EXHIBIT B**

**Assumption & Assignment Agreement**

(see attached)

## **ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT**

This ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”) is made as of this \_\_\_\_ day of March, 2025 by and between Big Lots Stores, Inc. (“Assignor”) and Ocean State Job Lot of ME2025, LLC, a Maine limited liability company, whose mailing address is 375 Commerce Park Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852 (“Assignee” and together with Assignor, the “Parties” and each, a “Party”).

### **RECITALS**

WHEREAS, Assignor, along with its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession, has filed a voluntary petition for relief pursuant to chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101, et seq. (as amended, the “Bankruptcy Code”), in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Bankruptcy Court”), jointly administered under case *In re Big Lots, Inc.*, Case No. 24-11967 (Bankr. D. Del. 2024) (the “Chapter 11 Cases”);

WHEREAS, Gordon Brothers Retail Partners, LLC (“GBRP”), as buyer, and Big Lots, Inc. and certain of its subsidiaries, as seller (“Seller”), are parties to that certain Asset Purchase Agreement dated as of January 3, 2025 (the “Purchase Agreement”), pursuant to which Buyer agreed to acquire certain assets, including designation rights with respect to executory contracts and unexpired leases;

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2025, the Court entered an order approving the transactions contemplated under the Purchase Agreement [Docket No. 1556] (the “Sale Order”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.05(b) of that certain Asset Purchase Agreement dated as of January 3, 2025 by and between Assignor and Gordon Brothers Retail Partners, LLC (“GBRP”), GBRP has the right to designate certain contracts or leases for assumption and assignment to itself or its designee(s);

WHEREAS, GBRP is conducting “store closing” or other liquidation sales at certain of Assignor’s retail stores and distribution centers (each, a “GOB Sale”) and intends to designate certain of Assignor’s leases for assumption and assignment effective on or after the conclusion of the applicable GOB Sale (each, a “Vacate Date”); and

WHEREAS, Assignor has agreed to assign and Assignee has agreed to assume the real property Leases listed on the attached Schedule A (each, a “Lease” and, collectively, the “Leases”) with respect to the premises set forth on Schedule A (the “Premises”) pursuant to the terms of the Sale Order, subject to approval by the Bankruptcy Court in the Chapter 11 Cases (the “Bankruptcy Court Approval”).

WHEREAS, the Assignor has succeeded to all the right, title and interest of Big Lots Stores LLC in and to the Leases listed on Schedule A and has authority to execute this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual agreements contained herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

## AGREEMENT

1. Assignment and Assumption. Subject to Assignee's prior payment of the Purchase Price as set forth below and receipt of Bankruptcy Court Approval, on the earlier of (i) March 17, 2025; and (ii) the day after the Vacate Date at the Premises; (such earlier date, the "Closing Date"); provided, that Assignor or Gordon Brothers shall give Assignee no less than seven (7) days' advance written notice of the Vacate Date:

(a) Assignor hereby sells, transfers, conveys, assigns and sets over to Assignee, its successors and assigns, all of Assignor's right, title, and interest in and to the Lease.

(b) Assignee hereby assumes and undertakes to pay, perform, and discharge all of Assignor's obligations and duties with respect to the Lease on and after the earlier of March 1, 2025 or the Vacate Date and as modified by the Bankruptcy Court Approval..

2. Payment of Purchase Price. Assignee shall, on the date hereof, deliver to GBRP the purchase price for the Leases in the amount of \$260,000.00 (the "Purchase Price"). If the assumption and assignment of the Leases do(es) not occur by March 31, 2025, Assignee will additionally reimburse GBRP for all amounts that came due, were required to be paid, and were in fact paid in connection with the Leases on and after March 31, 2025.

3. Assumption of Liabilities. In addition to assuming all remaining obligations that exist with respect to the Leases, including, but not limited to, accrued but unbilled adjustments for common area maintenance, real estate taxes, and insurance, Assignee shall assume and cure all outstanding liabilities with respect to the Leases. The rent arrearage including all Cure Costs owed to the Landlord as of the date hereof is set forth on Schedule B attached hereto.

4. No Further Liability of Assignor. From and after the date hereof, Assignor shall have no further obligations and duties with respect to the Leases.

5. Further Assurances. At any time and from time to time after the date hereof, at the request of Assignee, and without further consideration, Assignor shall execute and deliver such other instruments of sale, transfer, conveyance, assignment, and confirmation or consents and take such other action as Assignee may reasonably request as necessary or desirable in order to more effectively transfer, convey, and assign to Assignee Assignor's rights to the Leases.

6. "As Is Where Is" Transaction. Assignee hereby acknowledges and agrees that Assignor makes no representations or warranties whatsoever, express or implied, with respect to any matter relating to the Leases. Without limiting the foregoing, Assignor hereby disclaims any warranty (express or implied) of merchantability or fitness for any premises subject to the Leases. Assignee further acknowledges that Assignee has conducted an independent inspection and investigation of the physical condition of premises subject to the Leases and all such other matters relating to or affecting the Leases as Assignee deemed necessary or appropriate and that in proceeding with its acquisition of the Leases, Assignee is doing so based upon such independent inspections and investigations. Accordingly, Assignee will accept the Leases "AS IS" and "WHERE IS."

7. Compliance With Law. Assignee hereby agrees to comply with all applicable laws. Assignee agrees to indemnify and hold Assignor harmless for any violation or alleged violation of this section.

8. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware without regard to conflicts of laws principles that would require the application of the law of another jurisdiction.

9. Jurisdiction. The Parties consent to the exclusive jurisdiction of, and entry of final orders and judgments by, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware with respect to all matters arising under or relating to this Agreement. The Parties hereby irrevocably waive any objection on the grounds of venue, forum non conveniens, or any similar grounds and irrevocably consent to service of process by mail or in any other manner permitted by applicable law. The Parties further hereby waive any right to a trial by jury with respect to any lawsuit or judicial proceeding arising or relating to this Agreement.

10. No Reliance. Each Party represents and warrants that in entering into this Agreement it is relying on its own judgment, belief and knowledge and, as applicable, on that of any attorney it has retained to represent it in this matter.

11. Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is expressly intended to confer rights and benefits upon GBRP, and GBRP shall have the right to enforce the provisions of this Agreement.

12. Construction. This Agreement has been drafted through a cooperative effort of both Parties, and neither Party shall be considered the drafter of this Agreement so as to give rise to any presumption of convention regarding construction of this document. All terms of this Agreement were negotiated in good faith and at arm's-length, and this Agreement was prepared and executed without fraud, duress, undue influence, or coercion of any kind exerted by any of the Parties upon the other. The execution and delivery of this Agreement is the free and voluntary act of the Parties.

13. Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed electronically and delivered in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. All such counterparts, when so executed, shall be deemed to constitute one final agreement as if one document had been signed by all Parties to this Agreement. Each such counterpart, upon execution and delivery of all counterparts, shall be deemed a complete and original of this Agreement. The Parties hereby each agree that its authorized signatories may receive and review this Agreement via electronic record and may sign this Agreement via electronic digital signature (i.e., DocuSign or similar electronic signature technology), and the Parties may rely on such electronic digital signatures as if they are original signatures by each Party or duly authorized representatives of each Party, and delivery of an executed copy of this Agreement by facsimile or by other electronic means (.pdf) shall be legal and binding and shall have the same full force and effect as if an original executed copy of this Agreement had been delivered. No Party may raise the use of an image transmission device or method or the fact that any signature was transmitted as an image as a defense to the enforcement of such document.

*[Signature Pages Follow]*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the foregoing Agreement is dated effective as of the date and year first written above.

**BIG LOTS STORES, INC.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

**OCEAN STATE JOB LOT OF ME2025, LLC**

**By: Its Manager**

**Ocean State Job Lot Stores of Maine, Inc.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: John D, Conforti

Title: Chief Financial Officer

**Schedule A**

Leases

Big Lots Store No. 1528

Store Location: 730 Center St,  
Auburn, ME

Landlord: EVP Auburn, LLC  
c/o EVP Management, LLC  
49 Lexington St  
Suite 5  
West Newton, MA 02465

Lease Documents:

Lease dated May 15, 2000 between Consolidated Stores  
Corporation and Auburn Plaza Inc.  
Letter exercising First Option form February 1, 2006 to January  
31, 2011

Letter dated September 1, 2010 exercising the Section Option from  
February 1, 2011 to January 31, 2016

First Lease Extension and Modification Lease Agreement dated  
July 16, 2015 between Big Lots Stores, Inc and GFI Auburn Plaza Realty, LLC extending term  
from February 1, 2016 to January 31, 2021 and extending term from February 1, 2021 to January  
31, 2026.

SCHEDULE B  
RENT ARREARAGE

Cure Cost	\$15,000.00
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